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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A noise reduction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising reference sensor means and reference signal conditioning means responsive to the reference sensor means to produce the reference signal therefrom.

4. (Amended) A noise reduction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the error sensor means is provided adjacent to an operator's head in use.